CEDAR POINT: WHO WILL TELL THE TRUTH?; FROHMAN?

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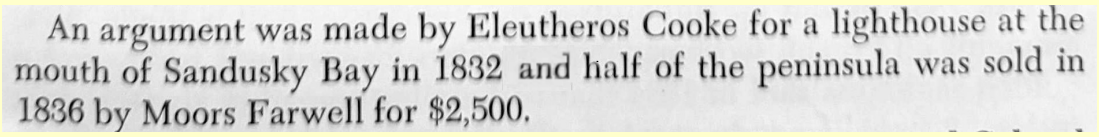
This (future) publication will examine various assertions by local-historian/attorney Charles Frohman, as stated in his booklet, '**CEDAR POINT YESTERDAYS**'.

Here are some examples from Frohman's booklet:



An argument was made by Eleutheros Cooke for a lighthouse at the mouth of Sandusky Bay in 1832 and half of the peninsula was sold in 1836 by Moors Farwell for $2,500.

Repeatedly, Frohman's lack of appropriate punctuation (and composition), can easily result in misunderstandings. (Those two events had no relevance to each other.)

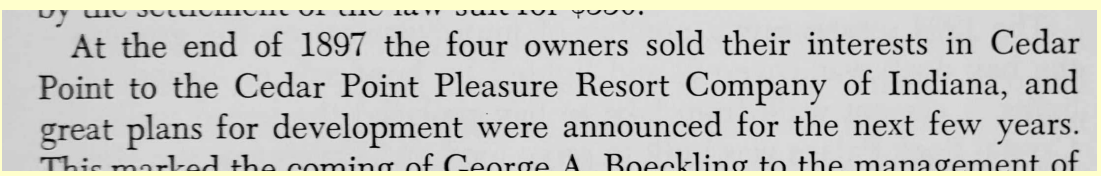
But, more significantly, in regard to the sequence of the early various ownership of the whole peninsula named "Cedar Point", Frohman omitted several transactions. Instead, he included the misleading '1830' advertisement for the "Devoe sale", even though that "Devoe sale" had been nullified through subsequent court proceedings.

[Did attorney Frohman – the "C.P. local-history expert" – know that fact, but he chose to instead simply "skip" several true ownership transactions? (And, especially, oddly "skipping" William Winthrop --- the very first owner of this (former) peninsula named "Cedar Point".)]

Likewise, why did Frohman choose to imply, (throughout his booklet), that the name of the modern-day 'resort' had always been merely and simply 'Cedar Point'?

(The name of the entire peninsula was* "Cedar Point"**;** and Frohman states that fact very clearly, in his "Chapter 1". Therefore, his omission of the various prior "official" names of the modern-day resort, is inexplicable, unless the omission was intentional.)

[*> Incidentally: Sometime during the latter-part of the 20th-Century, the official name of this "peninsula" was (officially?) changed to "Cedar Point Peninsula", (despite ostensibly already(!) being an island --- because, by 1972, shortly after Frohman published his CP booklet, this "peninsula" had actually become an 'island'.]



by the settlement of the law suit for $500.

At the end of 1897 the four owners sold their interests in Cedar Point to the Cedar Point Pleasure Resort Company of Indiana, and great plans for development were announced for the next few years. This marked the coming of George A. Boeckling to the management of

The name of the ("re-organized") operating-company, (in Dec. '1897'), was indeed precisely 'Cedar Point Pleasure Resort Company of Indiana', (to differentiate it from the name of its predecessor Ohio company, the 'Cedar Point Pleasure Resort Company').

However, Frohman failed to state that the old owners of the "new" company, (except B.F. Dwelle), were likewise the new owners of the "new" company, (minus B.F. Dwelle). Those old/new owners, simply exchanged their ownership of the land (etc.), for 'stock' in their "new" company. Initially, there were no additional owners of the "new" ("Indiana") company. (Shortly later, manager Boeckling --- who had zero initial ownership in the "new"/newly incorporated company --- intermittently began to buy the stock holdings from those old/new, and also from other subsequent, owners.)

[The main purpose of that "re-organization" in "Indiana" of an established Ohio company, actually seems to have been merely to eliminate B.F. Dwelle's portion of the "old" company's ownership? But perhaps experts in business-law, would be able to shed more light about the nuances of its subsequent 'incorporation' outside of Ohio.]

Another of Frohman's "anomalies", is that he asserted that his home on Cedar Point (peninsula) was directly at the old "Carrying Grounds", (former* public-land which had been utilized by fishermen to carry their boats between the Bay and the Lake). Frohman apparently resided at "Fred's Cove" (previously known as "Fishermans Cove").

However, the "Carrying Grounds" extended much farther than Frohman's writings intimated. Earlier, (during the 1800s), the "Carrying Grounds"(or, old "Indian portage") were reported to have additionally been at "Ned's Cove", (between "Fred's Cove" and "Biemillers Cove"). And Dr. Stroud's circa-1912 "Achigan Cottage" was said to also be within that same "old Indian portage" area, but slightly eastward of "Fred's Cove".

[*The entire, public "Carrying Grounds" area, etc., was simply usurped by Boeckling(?) when he needed a road to "his"(?) resort**;** after which, "he"(?) sold all of the road's adjacent lands which "he"(?) had acquired for free.]

Also, oddly, Frohman failed to mention "Cape Sandy" as being an early reference to this "peninsula", despite his mentioning it in his 'Sandusky Yesterdays' booklet.

[In truth, "Cape Sandy" was an early name for merely the wider portion of this current 'island', (the portion which the entire modern-day 'Cedar Point' resort, currently occupies).

(The entire "peninsula", in the very-early-1800s, was publicly known only as "Long Ridge"; because, at that early time, most of the current easterly portion of Sandusky Bay was, then, merely extremely shallow marshland; and so, of course, this very "long ridge" of sand did not have the actual resemblance of a "peninsula" until Lake Erie (and the Bay) water levels began to rise, by the 1820s. (The wide area at its end, was therefore previously known as being a 'cape'.)]

Those are just a few of the "discrepancies" in Frohman's 'Cedar Point Yesterdays'.

{ See the various free "C.P.P.-I.C." publications at archive.org which dispel many other myths promulgated by other local CP *"historian"* attorneys, etc. }